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Local consumer reaction to BSE has sharply decreased beef consumption for processed meat products. The same trends were reported by the HRI sector where many consumers stopped eating beef regardless of its origin. Pork and turkey/mechanically separated turkey (MST) have been substituted in the meat processing sector, and the HRI sector has turned to pork and especially chicken meat.

The Association of Meat Processors (AMP) requested a duty free import quota for 30,000 MT of turkey (mainly MST). The turkey quota was refused by the Government of Bulgaria in December 2000 and it is expected to be refused again now. This policy will likely result in continuing imports of pork and poultry to meet the demand but at a much higher price for local consumers.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Indian Farmers Call for Removal of Agriculture from WTO

The Indian National Coordination of Farmers Movement besieged the Indian parliament last week, asking the government to take agriculture out of the "unfair market" of the WTO. The Movement claims that the five years of liberalization have dealt a big blow to Indian agriculture and farmers. In a resolution addressed to the president, it said "the GATT Uruguay Round Agreements have functioned principally to pry open markets for the benefit of transnational corporations at the expense of national and local economies, workers health and safety, environment and animal welfare." It also criticized the subsidies and import barriers imposed by developed countries as a means to continue "unfair trade".

BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest (bridges@iatp.org)

Japan Powdered Egg Imports (in tons)

	Whole Eggs	Yolks	Albumen	Total
1999				
September	217.3	164.3	838.6	1,220.2
October	151.6	96.4	700.9	948.9
November	158.1	173.2	1,046.8	1,378.1
1999 To-Date	2,094.2	1,816.9	8,959.9	12,871.0
2,000				
September	131.0	173.7	600.1	904.8
October	242.9	177.3	857.2	1,277.4
November	197.1	213.0	900.5	1,310.6
2000 To-Date	2,222.0	1,843.1	8,770.4	12,835.5

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

World Agricultural Outlook 2001-2010

World poultry imports are projected to increase by 20 percent in the next decade, driven by strong demand in Japan, China, Russia, and Hong Kong. Availability of improved technology will raise production in many countries, alleviating the impact of the shift to poultry consumption on trade and prices.

Demand complementation between China and the United States is expected to drive China's imports to 859 metric tons in 2010.

Cheap poultry exports and currency devaluation are projected to fuel Brazil's gain in export market share from 18 to 26 percent. The U.S.'s share will be stable, then decline slightly at the close of the decade. The EU and Thailand will lose market share.

Broiler Meat Trade Projections in '000 Metric Tons

Year	Net Importers					Net Exporters	
	China	Kong	Hong Japan	Russia	Saudi Arabia	United States	Brazil
2000	770	286	546	895	352	2,480	870
2001	775	291	530	925	363	2,512	858
2002	772	296	547	897	367	2,554	924
2003	773	301	569	861	371	2,544	1,025
2004	789	307	580	835	378	2,531	1,155
2005	805	312	592	824	388	2,584	1,175
2006	819	316	602	813	396	2,584	1,206
2007	832	321	612	789	403	2,595	1,245
2008	842	326	623	790	411	2,635	1,255
2009	850	330	634	836	418	2,712	1,243
2010	859	334	645	901	424	2,777	1,235

Source: Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute
www.fapri.org/

Frozen Poultry to Middle East Countries Under the Export Enhancement Program

Exporter	Award	Bonus	For Delivery	Announced
Tyson	500MT	\$600	03/09-06/01	Mar 09
Tyson	200MT	\$600	03/13-06/30	Mar 13
Tyson	640MT	\$600	03/16-06/01	Mar 16
Tyson	100MT	\$600	03/23-06/30	Mar 23

Status of the Export Enhancement Program Summarized Data for Frozen Poultry in Metric Tons

Countries	Quantity	Quantity	Date	
	Announced	Awarded	Balance	Expires
Middle East Countries	20,210	7,824	12,386	06/30/01

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Services

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 24, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	225	131	2,236	1,584
Frozen	0	0	0	40
Dried	0	0	22	58
Total	225	131	2,258	1,682

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Mar 24, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	54	352	1,151	1,538
Frozen	48	6	348	115
Dried	0	24	143	345
Total	102	382	1,642	1,998

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 24, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	17	87	162
Extra Large	180	910	2,906	5,943
Large	988	2,380	21,197	29,207
Medium	2,140	1,370	9,778	8,357
Ungraded	3,000	4,440	28,766	17,400
Misc	750	0	6,287	2,250
Total	7,058	9,117	69,021	63,319

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Pltry Development Div.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

30-MAR-2001				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

PRICES VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)				

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	15.00	196,800	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-18.00	10.00-14.00	1,958,400	1,305,600
WTD AVERAGE	16.52	11.82		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 24-Mar-01
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,953	1,396	3,349
LAST WEEK	1,841	1,318	3,159
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,046	1,483	3,529
TO-DATE/2001	22,281	15,366	37,647
TO-DATE/2000	24,381	16,455	40,836

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	522	7	529
LAST WEEK	636(R)	10	646
SAME WEEK YR AGO	609	0	609
TO-DATE/2001	6,555	73	6,628
TO-DATE/2000	6,556	39	6,595

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

(R) Revised, reflected in to-date figure.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	2,475	1,403	3,878
LAST WEEK	2,477	1,328	3,805
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,655	1,483	4,138
TO-DATE/2001	28,836	15,439	44,275
TO-DATE/2000	30,937	16,494	47,431

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

30-MAR-2001				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	240,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

PRICES VOLUME				
(Cents per Pound)				

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-20.00	17.00	956,000	212,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.16	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-18.00	11.00-15.00	1,688,003	768,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.82	12.66		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.50	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 30 MARCH 2001.

Bulk parts trade sentiment steady to firm. Some price resistance is noted in the West from domestic buyers on tom drums and full-cut wings resulting in inventories not being as tight as the balance of the country. Demand in a full range, mostly fair to good. Thigh meat trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady for the light to fair, mostly fair demand with the best interest noted into export channels. Offerings light and held with confidence. Mechanically separated inquiry slow to moderate with the best interest noted for Russia. Offerings uneven with product the least available from plants approved to export to selected destinations, adequate to fully adequate from others. Domestic trading light and centered on fresh tom breast meat at lower trending price levels. Export trading was active and centered on moderately heavy volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Hen 2-joint wings (2 containers) traded at 45 cents delivered April for export.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.50-31.00		30.56	624	30.75	1,356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	37.00		37.00	40	36.72	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	208	29.00	208
TAILS		M	27.00	80	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	18.00	20	17.33	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-69.00		67.10	584	66.08	1,336

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	29.94	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	36.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	208
TAILS		M	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00		18.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-66.00		65.53	196

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-31.00		29.94	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	36.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	208
TAILS		M	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.00		17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-66.50		65.23	264

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00-33.00		32.60	260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	36.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	208
TAILS		M	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	18.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.50		66.50	40

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.50		36.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	208
TAILS	27.00		27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	18.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00		65.00	252

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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